



Killarney Secondary School

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Dear Killarney Families,

I hope you and your family are doing well. I want to reiterate that the school and the District are directed by Vancouver Coastal Health protocols regarding the actions taken when a member of the school community tests positive. The [Public Health/VCH COVID Positive Case Notification Process](#) is outlined in the graphic, as shown in the link above.

School Operation Once a COVID-19 School Exposure Has Been Identified

Understandably, news of a school exposure has made some parents and students anxious about attending face-to-face classes at school. They may be considering self-isolating at home. However, Vancouver Coastal Health will contact any students needing to self-monitor or self-isolate as a result of any school exposures.

If students do not receive any contact from VCH, then they are safe to attend school. Given the health and safety protocols at school, we believe that the school continues to be safe for students and staff. Students not impacted by exposure in a specific class, and not showing any health concerns, are expected to be in class and to participate in learning activities. Teachers will not be expected to provide special accommodations to students missing work as a result of an individual choice to miss school when they are not sick and have not been directed by Vancouver Coastal Health to self-isolate.

What Can Be Done to Minimize Covid-19 Risk at School?

During this pandemic, the actions of the collective are more important than ever. Some key steps to minimize risk include the following:

- Ensure that the [Daily Health Assessment](#) for your child is done regularly prior to sending them to school. **Students cannot come to school if they are sick** as they risk making others unwell. Seek a medical assessment if you are sick, and follow the guidance given to you.
- Wear a mask in common spaces like hallways and in classrooms to help limit the spread of the virus.
- Follow hand washing/sanitizing protocols at the start of class and at the end of class.
- Maintain physical distancing inside the school and especially outside the school when meeting friends outside of class time.
- Limit the size and frequency of social gatherings as per current health guidelines.
- Stick with the precautions you are taking! Fight the fatigue of today to ensure a brighter future for all.

Covid-19 Benefits Email Scam

Please be aware of scam emails that are being sent to VSB staff and students. The email appears to be coming from a VSB staff member. The Subject Line is **Covid-19 Benefits**. This email states that the VSB will provide money to staff or students. This email is not legitimate. Please do not respond or click on any links provided. **Please delete the email.**

Support Staff Recognition Day

November 5th was Support Staff Recognition Day in the District. Killarney is fortunate to have amazing support staff in our school community. Custodians and the Engineers help to keep our school building clean, safe, and comfortable. The cafeteria staff help to feed our students by providing the bagged lunches and weekly grocery bags. Our student support workers work along with teachers to help students with their learning. The Killarney Community Schools Team is working to increase engagement and build community within our school. We also get all types of specialized support from technology specialists to school psychologists and speech language pathologists. Finally, our outstanding office staff help to support students, staff and parents navigate the maze of information, records, payments and administrative procedures. It truly does take a village to run this school – *Thank You to All!*

End of Quarter One

Two months of the school year are already behind us as we move into November. This month will also bring the end of Quarter 1. Quarter 2 starts November 18th. The Quarter 1 final report card will be available online in the MyEd Family portal on November 23rd. As Quarter 2 begins, most students will start 2 new courses for the 10-week period. Again, one class will start face-to-face while the other class begins with remote online instruction. The two classes will alternate, two weeks at a time, between face-to-face and remote over the course of the quarter. Students should log in to MyEd BC to check their Quarter 2 schedule ahead of November 18th so they know where to go.

Remembrance Day Ceremony and Holiday

This year the school will not hold our usual formal, in-person Remembrance Day assemblies. Rather, we are compiling a PowerPoint/video presentation that will be shown to morning and afternoon classes on November 10th. Thanks to music and drama teachers and students for contributing pieces for this presentation. Also, this is a reminder that the Remembrance Day holiday this year falls mid-week on Wednesday, November 11th and school will not be in session for this national holiday.



Contact the School

Please contact the teacher, the counsellor, or the grade administrator if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress with learning. This letter and my previous weekly letters are posted under the Important Updates section of the Killarney website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Gill".

Kal Gill, Principal